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CLIMATE CHANGE



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- Recognizes steps that Virginia has already taken to combat climate change:
 - Legislative establishment of a renewable portfolio standard
 - Joining the Climate Registry
 - Aggressive pursuit of conservation and efficiency in the Virginia Energy Plan and Executive Order 48
- Additional tools and resources are needed.



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“I am hereby formally establishing the Governor’s Commission on Climate Change to prepare a Climate Change Action Plan for Virginia that identifies the additional steps that must be taken to achieve the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 30 percent by 2025.”



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Climate Change Action Plan:

1. **Inventory** the amount of and contributors to Virginia's greenhouse gas emissions, and projections through 2025
2. Evaluate expected **impacts of climate change** on Virginia's **natural resources**, the **health** of its citizens, and the **economy**, including the industries of **agriculture, forestry, tourism, and insurance**



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Climate Change Action Plan:

3. Identify what Virginia needs to do to prepare for the likely consequences of climate change
4. Identify the actions (beyond those identified in the Energy Plan) that need to be taken **to achieve the 30% reduction goal** and
5. Identify climate change approaches being pursued by other states, regions and the federal government.



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- Commission will be chaired by Secretary Bryant
- Ex officio members include the Secretaries of Commerce and Trade, Transportation, and Energy Policy Advisor
- 1 year to complete work
- Report due December 15, 2008



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Staff support

- No specific budget appropriation for Commission's work.
- Office of the Secretary of Natural Resources
- Office of the Secretary of Transportation
- Office of the Governor
- Department of Environmental Quality
- Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy
- All executive branch agencies shall cooperate fully with the Commission and provide any assistance necessary.



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